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[NEWS FLASH!]

We have just received a report from Castle Britiannia, to be on a lookout for a LIVING snowman? It seems that Captain Julius has hired a team of old retired mages from the Atlantic Mage Tower to make use of all of the snowmen that have been turned in from the Clean Up Britiannia campaign. We were not informed of what the mages were actually working on, or for what purpose. The walking snowman was named "Snowy the Frostman" which later escaped the castle and was last seen heading into the north woods. We are informed that the snowman is potentially dangerous and should not be confronted but if anyone should see him, to please contact your local Magistrate. We will be continuing this story as it develops...

[CURRENT NEWS]  
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BRITANNIA'S ELITE  
OFFER TO ALLEVIATE  
CHRISTMAS POVERTY  
WOES

This year, Britannia's wealthy are offering a solution to the growing disillusion amongst the impoverished that occurs around the holiday season. The fortunate wealthy like Auric Goldman who we interviewed at his comfortable winter estate feels that the worst thing that the wealthy can do to solve the problem of scarcity at this time of year, is to encourage excess materialism amongst the have-nots. "Instead we are sending out a message of hope and of appreciation for what we currently have. There is not a day that goes by where I don't give thanks even for the little things, like my faberge egg collection, for example", says Goldman. He continues, "So, other benefactors like myself have been visiting the orphanages and homes of the less ostentatious to preach a message of hope and impart a little game to be played to remind ourselves to appreciate what we have." Goldman explained the rules of the "Glad Game" to the families and children. Whenever someone received something, no matter how insignificant, they were to use their imagination to see the best in it. "Imagination is a gift in itself; and a free one at that!", exhorted Goldman. A young able bodied girl upon receiving a pair of crutches, said that she was glad that she didn't need them. A father who had received a pink slip from his employer said that he was glad that he

now had something to  
burn for a few moments  
to stave off the  
evening's cold. A young  
lad claimed, "It's probably  
a good thing I was born  
a boy, or else I wouldn't  
have a damn thing to  
play with on Christmas  
morning."

## WARLUS FESTIVAL

In 15 A.C. an explorer  
from Britain,  
encountered a group of  
people located in the  
northeastern lands of  
Britannia. He was amazed  
to find them there, and  
aside from sharing much  
news, told them that  
they were the furthest  
city to the east, "the  
twilight of the compass".  
From this, the city gained  
its name "Vesper" in  
reference to an old word  
meaning "twilight". In  
its early years, one of  
Vesper's main staples was  
walrus. The walrus gave  
food, pelts, and ivory to  
Vesper and the rest of  
Britannia. Walrus oil kept  
its lanterns burning  
through the cold, dark  
nights of winter. At this,  
the darkest time of the  
year, the people of  
Vesper and Britannia give  
thanks for the creature  
that sustained their  
ancestors. December 13th  
and 14th marks the  
celebration of The Walrus  
Festival.

[ADVERTISEMENTS]

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MAKE THIS COLLECTOR

## PLATE YOURS THIS CHRISTMAS!

Just in time for the  
Holidays, Vesper Mint has  
released a limited edition  
collector plate that will  
delight guests and enemies  
alike. Crafted of fine  
porcelain and hand  
numbered in 24 karat  
gold, this treasure will  
kindle the spirit of  
Christmas whenever you  
gaze upon it. The plate,  
titled "A Tender Moment  
in Hythloth" depicts the  
Devourer of Souls deftly  
lifting a small frail child  
into the air so that he  
may place the Christmas  
star atop the tree. Every  
emotion comes through  
clearly as the lad strains  
to place the ornament as  
he mutters, "Lift me  
higher, dumbass!" The  
demon's black heart,  
bursting with the  
Christmas spirit, swells  
three sizes with a sense  
of goodwill and compassion  
as he tenderly cradles his  
young charge in his  
powerful claws. You can  
almost hear his inner  
thoughts as he does this,  
"There young lad, you can  
do it. Dumbass?! I don't  
think anyone is going to  
miss this kid." This  
limited edition plate will  
be closed forever just  
after 45 firing days, so  
act now to get yours  
this Christmas exclusively  
from the Vesper Mint.

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I have always wanted to  
fulfill a fantasy of mine,  
so I hope you can help. I

have always wanted to  
pretend that I was a  
tinker, and fix something  
broken that you have  
around the house. It could  
be a clock or a golem or  
what have you;It doesn't  
matter to me. I'll just  
knock on your door, come  
in, fix your thing and  
leave discretely. I'll even  
wear the apron. If you  
are interested, please  
drop by the Minoc bank  
and say aloud to yourself,  
"I wonder if there is  
someone handy with tools  
around here!" and we'll go  
from there.

For anyone who is  
interested, I have a  
rather large coffin  
available that I need to  
get off my hands because  
it is taking up too much  
space. A customer  
ordered it for a guy  
that was huge, but they  
never showed to pick it  
up. Maybe someone is in  
the market for a unique  
looking armoire, or knows  
of someone who lost  
several family members at  
the same time and can  
put it to good use. I am  
willing to cut a deal. So,  
if you are interested,  
please stop by Phil's Last  
Ditch Effort in Minoc.